GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ARCHAELOGICAL EXPEDITIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether teams of experts from the Archaeological Survey of India visits many sites in various countries for archaeological studies and preservation of monuments of Indian importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred on the team's visits during each of the last three years; and

(c) the response received by it from such countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.19 FOR 13.3.2012

The teams of Archaeological Survey of India experts have visited Ta Prohm temple in Cambodia, Vat Phou temple in Lao PDR, Cham monuments in Vietnam, Apravasi Ghat in Mauritius and Ananda temple in Myanmar in the last three years in connection with the conservation and restoration of monuments. While the conservation and restoration works at Ta Prohm temple in Cambodia and Vat Phou temple in Lao PDR are already in progress, the works at Cham monuments in Vietnam, Apravasi Ghat in Mauritius and Ananda temple in Myanmar are yet to start.

The details on the expenditure incurred by the Government of India on the visits of ASI's expert teams in the last three years are at Annexure.